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Will Hunger Come?

We may put it down as a
self evident fact that if the peo-
ple of this country persist, dur-
ing the coming year, in living
on the same extravagant scale
of former years, we as a na-
tion will strike the rocks.

Experts in the agricultural
department have estimated that
the actual waste of food in the
United States is \$700,000,000
annually. This is in addition
to the enormous consumption
in excess of what is really need-
ed to support life comfortably.

The International Institute
of Agriculture sends this solemn
warning from Rome: "The
world's food crop is deficient
and the situation is becoming
alarming".

Now we are doing much talk-
ing as to the duty of raising
bumper crops, of increasing our
production in every way pos-
sible, which is perfectly right.
But more than this is needed.
We must act as well as talk.

Heretofore the United States
has always had a safe surplus
of foodstuffs from one harvest
when the next was garnered.
This very fact, possibly, has
had more to do with fostering
our extravagance than any
thing else. We have felt that
our resources were boundless
and that we could never come
to want.

Now, however, that surplus
has vanished, and in its place
we have only gold, the most
useless commodity in the world
unless it can be exchanged for
that which we need. And at
last we must wake up and face
the fact that we are up against
a food shortage, and gold can
not buy food where no food
exists.

The solution of the food
problem is up to every man,
woman and child in the coun-
try. It is useless to mind
words for fear of hurting some-
one's feelings—extravagance
and waste must cease. It is
useless to undertake to solve
ourselves with the prospect of
a large increase in production.
That of itself will not relieve
the situation if extravagance
continues. All must exert
themselves to produce, and all
must exert themselves to save.

A few months ago, when gold
was flowing into our coffers, in
yellow streams, we strutted
and boasted of our boundless
wealth. We compared our-
selves to Midas—that every-
thing we touched turned to
gold. And now we are in grave
danger of finding ourselves in
his predicament—our gold use-
less because we can not eat it.

Economy in any line is praise-
worthy, but economy in food
products just now is the high-
est type of patriotism, and the
most disloyal of all is the man
or woman who wilfully wastes
the nation's food.

Any eligible man who dis-
likes the sound of "compulsory
service" has the privilege of
volunteering.

Athletic Meeting

There will be a meeting of
the Athletic Association in the
sample room of the Monte Vista
Hotel on next Saturday night
at eight o'clock. Every one in-
terested in our Annual Fourth
of July Celebration is urged to
be present at this meeting.

Automobile Injuries Horse.

An automobile driven by
Charlie Thompson, of Oaka,
hit a horse on East Fifth Street
Friday afternoon and broke its
left hind leg. It is
said the horse became frighten-
ed and jumped in front of the
machine, getting its foot
caught. The animal belongs to
A. J. Hood, of this place, but
Charlie Durham, of Cadet, was
riding it when the accident hap-
pened. Thompson was arrested
and gave bond for a hearing
some time this week.

Woolen Mill Machinery Sold.

The machinery in the old
Woolen Mill, which is located in
the lower end of town, was
sold last week to C. E. Good-
win, of Cumberland Gap, owner
of the Cumberland Gap Woolen
Mill Company. This machinery
has been idle for several years
and was thought to be out of
date, but Mr. Goodwin states
he found it in good condition
and expects to put it in opera-
tion soon. It was owned by
W. A. Head, of this place.

East Stone Gap High School Commencement.

The Commencement Exercises
of East Stone Gap High School
will begin Sunday, May 20, 1917,
at 11 a. m., with the Annual
Sermon, in the High School
Auditorium, by Rev. H. E.
Kelso, of the Methodist Church,
Norton, Va.

Monday, May 21, at 7:30 p. m.,
exercises by the children of the
primary and grammar grades.

Tuesday, May 22, at 8 p. m.,
the pupils of the high school
will present "A Kentucky Ball",
a comedy in three acts.

Wednesday, May 23, at 8 p. m.,
the graduating exercises
and Literary Address by Mr.
J. N. Hillman, Secretary of
State Board of Education, of
Richmond, Va.

To Owners of Real Estate:

Within a few days I will be
making up the Real Estate
Tax Book for Big Stone Gap,
for the year 1917. In order to
get the proper ownership of all
real estate entered in this book,
any changes in the ownership,
whether by sale, purchase or
otherwise, should be reported
to me so that correction may
be made. This applies to the
period between February 1st,
1916, and February 1st, 1917.

B. C. FERGUSON,
Commissioner of Revenue
for Big Stone Gap, Va.

Respond to Call.

Quite a number of young men
from the Gap are responding to
the call of Uncle Sam for en-
listment in the army and navy.
Among those who applied last
week for the Officers Reserve
Corps were Henderson Hordley,
Tom Cochran and Wm. A.
Stuart. The first two mentioned
have passed examinations and
are waiting for orders. Mr.
Stuart is now in Washington
City, having left here Friday.
Baylor Blanchard also passed a
satisfactory examination at
Richmond, but is here now sub-
ject to call. Andrew Reader
left last Wednesday for Phila-
delphia to apply for enlistment
in the navy.

Kingsport News.

Mrs. W. C. Giles, who has
been visiting her son, H. C.
Giles, for the past few days, re-
turned to the Gap last week.

A new son arrived at the
home of H. C. Giles April 27th.
They named him Hillary
Lester Giles.

Hubert Masters is now em-
ployed by the firm of Giles &
Robinson at this place.

There was much excitement
in Kingsport last week when
the dye plant caught on fire,
but it was subdued by the Kings-
port fire department. Estimated
damage, \$20,000.

The man who readily recog-
nizes the good qualities of
others is never without them
himself.

Primary Pupils Recital Sat- urday Night.

Saturday night, promptly at
8:15 o'clock Mrs. Sally A.
Bailey's primary music pupils
will have their recital in the
Public School Auditorium.
There will be no admission
charges and every one is cor-
dially invited to come out and
hear these young pupils play,
eight of whom have only had
lessons this year. In addition
to the pieces played, there will
be a number of drills and songs
by Mrs. Bailey's primary pupils
and a few other primary grade
pupils.

JOHNSON—HALE

A marriage of interest was
solemnized at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. C. S. Hale, on Chero-
kee street, Kingsport, Tenn.,
on May 9, when their daughter,
Miss Georgia Barilla, became
the bride of Mr. John Martin
Johnson, Rev. Cox officiated,
using the ring ceremony.

The bride wore a suit of
tricot with hat, shoes and
gloves to match, and carried
bride roses and valley lilies.
She was attended by her step
sister, Miss Mary Brown.

Mr. J. M. McLemore, of Ap-
palachia, Va., acted as best
man.

The bride is favorably known
in Southwest Virginia and
East Tennessee.

The groom is the well known
Virginia representative of Chas.
W. Steff, with headquarters in
Appalachia, Va.

The bridal party motored to
Bristol, then to points in
Virginia—Bristol Herald Courier.

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Ser-
vice Commission has announc-
ed an examination for the Com-
munity of Wise, Virginia, to be held
at Big Stone Gap, Norton and
Wise on June 9, 1917, to fill the
position of rural carrier and
vacancies that may later occur
on rural routes from other post
offices in the above mentioned
county. The examination will
be open only to male citizens
who are actually domiciled in
the territory of a post office
in this county and who meet
the requirements set forth in
Form No. 1977. This form and
application blanks may be ob-
tained from the offices men-
tioned above or from the Uni-

No. 68 458

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE Wise County National Bank

At Wise, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business, on
May 1st, 1917.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$88,020.70
Overdrafts	296.12
Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits	2,000.00
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent. of sub- scription)	1,100.00
Value of banking house	5,461.14
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in oth- er reserve cities	673.28
Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20)	9,418.84
Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	427.00
Outside checks and other cash items	\$4.25
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	392.27
Notes of other national banks	110.00
Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	10,830.25
Total	\$118,383.84

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	10,900.00
Undivided profits	\$2,462.18
Less current expenses, interests, and taxes paid	695.78
Net amount due to banks and bankers	10,431.79
Demand deposits	
Individual deposits subject to check	54,167.33
Certified checks	20.20
Cashier's checks outstanding	283.43
Postal savings deposits	505.88
Total demand deposits, Items 23, 35, 36 and 38	\$54,976.24
Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice)	
Certificates of deposit	17,280.00
Total of time deposits	\$17,280.00
Total	\$118,383.84

State of Virginia, County of Wise, ss:

I, A. E. Andersen, Cashier of the above named bank, do
solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of
my knowledge and belief.

A. E. ANDERSEN, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:

A. K. MANN,
C. E. ALDERSON,
R. P. BRUCE,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1917.
GEORGE HENNON, Notary Public.
My commission expires September 15, 1920.

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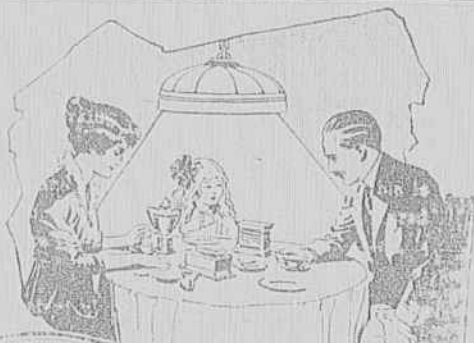
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR MAYOR

To the Voters of Big Stone Gap:
I hereby announce myself a candidate
for Mayor, and if elected, will fill the of-
fice to the best of my ability. I have
been United States Commissioner for
seventeen years. I also have charge of
the streets of this town for two years,
and feel that I am fully capable of filling
the position.
I earnestly solicit your support, which
will be greatly appreciated.

HENRY TAYLOR.

FOR MAYOR

To the voters of Big Stone Gap:
I hereby announce myself a candidate
for Mayor and earnestly solicit your vote
at the coming election in June. Your
support will be greatly appreciated.

W. H. NICKELS, JR.

FOR SERGEANT

I take this method of announcing my
self a candidate for City Sergeant and
earnestly solicit your support. If elected
I promise to faithfully perform the duties
of said office. For a number of years I
have served as a police officer in this sec-
tion and feel that I am capable of filling
the position. Your support will be
greatly appreciated.

N. B. COLLIER.

FOR SERGEANT

To the Voters of Big Stone Gap:
After much solicitation from the law-
abiding citizens of our town, I have con-
sented to be a candidate for City Sergeant
at the June election, 1917.
I promise the people, if elected, to en-
force the laws, regardless of person, race,
color or standing of individual, and that
I will endeavor, to the best of my ability,
to collect all claims placed in my hands
for collection.

Very truly,
P. M. REASON.

FOR TREASURER

To the Voters of Big Stone Gap:
In announcing my candidacy for the
office of Treasurer of Big Stone Gap, to
be voted upon in the June election, I
wish to state that, if elected, every effort
will be made on my part to perform the
duties of the office to the best of my
ability, in the interest of the town, re-
gardless of any political party.

R. C. FERGUSON.

FOR TREASURER

To the voters of Big Stone Gap:
I hereby announce myself a candidate
for the office of Treasurer and if elected
will perform the duties of said office as
in the past. My past record in this
capacity is open for public inspection
and I cordially solicit your vote at the
coming election to be held on June 12th.

P. H. KENNEDY.